

Mr. Connell

July 21, 1948

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Ed Leight
Mr. Emerson James

SUBJECT: Closing of Camp West and Camp Belnap
for Fourth Period, 1948.

I regret the necessity of taking at this time such necessary steps as are indicated by the reduced anticipated attendance at your respective camp, West and Belnap. I am sure you will understand and appreciate the significance of a small attendance in your camp as to understand the instructions contained within this memorandum.

You are directed to take necessary steps amongst your staff as to notify them that for the fourth period your camp will not be operated and that Scouts now registered will be transferred to Camp Stuart and Camp Beard.

The Camping Committee of the Chicago Council is receiving word on Thursday afternoon with respect to the closing of these two camps because of their indicated small attendance. I am only taking this opportunity of informing you of such a step in order to permit you to make such necessary adjustments as might arise as well as to permit some members of your staff the opportunity to apply for positions in their home towns.

With respect to the cooks in each of your camps, Mr. Jim Connell is instructed to discuss with the cooks the possibility of their being used in the remaining operating camps or possibly on a relief basis. All other members of your camp staff are to be returned to their respective homes at the conclusion of the closing camp period following the end of the third period.

Within the next seven to ten days you will receive complete closing camp instructions as pertaining to your respective camps. Your camp staff will be expected to work in conjunction with Mr. Ed. Cain, Camp Administrator, and Mr. Jim Connell with regard to specific details relating to closing of the camps in all of its aspects. Each of you must check out with Mr. Connell when you are satisfied your camp meets the requirements of a closing camp. Checks for the third period will be delivered to you at that time.

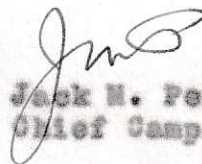
Present indications are that Camp West has 63 paid reservations, with 30 paid board and 3 leaders. Camp Belnap has 18 paid reservations and no paid board. There is sufficient room at Camp Beard and Camp Stuart to easily accommodate the above indicated attendance.

MEMO TO: Messrs Ed. Leight and Emerson James

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At an early opportunity I should like to discuss with you plans as to the transferring of troops know by yourself and what camp might be able to do them the greatest amount of good. I am sure each of you appreciate the reasons for this decision and will extend every effort to present this closing in as favorable a light as is possible to your camp staff.

Very truly yours,


Jack M. Perz
Chief Camp Director

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cc: J. F. Conley
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